[Mr. N. K. Krishna Pillai.]

(*a*) when the same was surveyed ;

(*b*) whether estimates have been prepared for the same ; and if so, when, and what the amount is ; and

(*c*) th cause of the delay in taking up that work ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) An investigation for the improvements to the trace was conducted in 1925.

(*b*) Yes in 1933. An estimate amounting to Rs. 1,660.

(*c*) For want of funds.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know whether the urgency of taking up this trace was brought to the notice of Government on many occasions during the previous sessions of the Council ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know whether now at least Government will be pleased to look into the matter ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Government have looked into the matter.

Grant-in-Aid to Vydiasalas.

138. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of the allotment that is made in the Budget for 1111 M. E. to award grant-in-aid for new *Vydiasalas* ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Rs. 3,880 (*Vide* foot-note given at page 155 of the State Budget for 1111 M. E.)

Director of Ayurveda.

139. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the reasons which weighed with the Government in abolishing the office of the Director of Ayurveda :

(*b*) the nature of the retirement of the last Director of Ayurveda ;

(*c*) the name of the person who was last in charge of the duties of the Director and his present duties and official designation : and

(*d*) the reasons which weighed with the Government in divesting such person of the powers of the Director ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) The office of the Director of Ayurveda has not been abolished, but is only kept in abeyance.

(*b*) Retirement on pension.

(*c*) Mr. N. Nilakanta Pillai. His present official designation is Inspector of Ayurveda. He exercises administrative control over grant-in-aid hospitals, grant-in-aid *vydiasalas* and recognised *vydiasalas*.

(*d*) The Inspector of Ayurveda has the same powers in regard to the institutions under him as the Director had.

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MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): With regard to the answer to part (*a*), may I know how long the office of the Director of Ayurveda has been kept in abeyance?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Since 1105.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know why it was kept in abeyance?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government have found it convenient to continue the present arrangement.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know why?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There is no special reason; but the present arrangement has been found to work satisfactorily.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the office of the Director of Ayurveda is kept in abeyance because there is no proper candidate for the post?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): That is also one of the reasons.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the Inspector of Ayurveda as well as the Principal of the College is not sufficiently qualified for the post of the Director?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. They are doing the duties of the Director of Ayurveda.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether one of them is not eligible for discharging the duties of the Director?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The duties of the Director have been distributed between the Principal and the Inspector.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): I would like to know whether any additional cost has been incurred owing to the present arrangement?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know how long this post is to be kept in abeyance?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): At first it was held in abeyance for two years and subsequently the arrangement has been continued.

PRESIDENT: It is a very very vague answer.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that it has been kept in abeyance from 1105.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): At that time have the Government fixed any period for holding this office in abeyance?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): At first it was thought it may be kept in abeyance for two years. After that Government considered that the present arrangement may continue.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): For how long?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It has not been decided.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know the reason for fixing the period of abeyance originally at two years and then for continuing it indefinitely ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government wanted to see how the new arrangement will work for two years in the first instance.

MR A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Has it been found in the course of the two years that it has been satisfactorily working?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Then why was not the post abolished ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The question has not been taken up.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): When is it to be taken up?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) . Sir, it is a question of future action of Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Why was it that the period of abeyance was indefinitely prolonged ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It was not indefinitely extended, but the present arrangements are being continued.

MR. A S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : So, there is no idea of the definite period for which this state of affairs is to continue ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

The Manager of the Police Commissioner's Office.

140. *MR. S. J. NAIR : (*Nedumangad*) Will the Government be pleased to state what is the official status of the Manager of the Police Commissioner's Office ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : First Grade Inspector of Police.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether all the correspondence from the A. S. P.s. and D. S. P's. must pass through the Manager to the Police Commissioner so that it may reach the Commissioner of Police ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : It goes to the Commissioner first.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know who checks the work of these D. S. P's. and A. S. P's. when the reports come to the office of the Commissioner of Police ?

MR. R PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : The Commissioner of Police himself.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Is it not better that the status of the Manager is raised to that of either the D. S. P. or the A. S. P.?

PRESIDENT : That is a suggestion.

Report of the Debt Redemption Committee.

111. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have considered the recommendations contained in the Debt Redemption Committee Report ; and

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